

THEY SET THE ARK OF GOD UPON A NEW CART

2 Samuel 6

2 Sam 6:1-2 1 Chr 13:3

One of first things David did after coronation --ask about ark of covenant?

Moses had it built

Ark symbolic of glory and presence of God.

10 miles away on Philistine border of Judah --*Kirjathjearim*, Baalah of Judah.

100 years previous, Eli captured by Philistines.

Took to town of Ashdod...temple of Dagon.



1 Sam 5:6-8 *But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, ...*

New Commentary: Emerods: *hemorrhoids, boils, tumors. An infectious type of bubonic plague, in which the lymph glands in the groin are enlarged and inflamed, and made very painful. Death swept swiftly through a city in days before medicine and public health measures could stop it.*

Psalms 78:66 *And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.*

Then, to Ekron. In each city that it passed through a plague broke out.

Panic filled each city

Urgently sent ark back to Israel.

On Philistine cart pulled by cows

Came to house of Abinadab.

Eleazar, guardian of ark, along with Abinadab's two grandsons, Uzzah and Ahio.

They grew up in presence of the ark.

Stayed at Kirjathjearim.

Why David want ark?

Because hungry for Lord.

Wanted glory of God to rest on Israel.

Cry goes out! Bring back to Jerusalem! 1 Chr 13:3-6

David, with 30,000 chosen men of Israel, went down to *Baale* of Judah (Kiriath Jearim) to retrieve ark.

2 Sam 6:3 *And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, ...*

Like Philistines 100 years previous.

Uzzah walking beside cart...Ahio guiding oxen.

Both had grown very familiar with ark

David was ecstatic...leading people in praise and celebration.

2 Sam 6:4-7 ... *And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.*

Something happened to cart as being pulled by oxen.

Hit a rut or a huge rock or

Oxen stumbled... suddenly began to fall off cart.

Uzzah, out of reaction, put out his hand to steady ark

Immediately struck dead by hand of God!

2 Sam 6:8-10

David's first response: Rage!

David's second response: Fear!

Why God kill Uzzah?

God had given Israel specific instructions on how to transport ark.

Carried upon shoulders of sons of Kohath (Ex. 25:14-15; Num. 3:30-31; 4:15; 7:9).

Not transported by man-made vehicle or cart.

Idea of carrying ark on new cart--not God's idea!

Borrowed from Philistines.

Num 4:15 ... *they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die.*

New Cart: new methods

Is it ever right to do wrong to do right?

Today's church:

End justifies means.

As long as souls are being saved!

As long as the church is growing.

God's Word hasn't changed!

Sensuality still devilish: James 3:15

Carnal weapons still wrong: 2 Cor 10:4-5

Friendship with world still enmity with God: James 4:4

Lust of flesh, lust of eyes, pride of life still contrary to will of God. 1 Jn 2:15-17

God still tells us to come out from among world and be separate...touch not unclean thing! 2 Cor 6:17-19

2 Sam 6:10-11

David afraid to bring ark into Jerusalem.

Left it in house of Obededom.

Result: God blessed household.

2 Sam 6:12

Finds out Obed-edom is enjoying blessings of Lord.

Has ark brought up to Jerusalem.

1 Chron 1:1-13 David seeks advice from chief counselors

Inform him that God laid down specifications 1 Chr 15:2

2 Sam 6:13 ...when they ... **had gone six paces**, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

2 Sam 6:14

By wearing ephod David letting everyone know he was involved in very special service unto Jehovah.

Dancing as a servant to Lord.

2 Sam 6:15 Why all shouting and jumping?

2 Sam 6:16 Saul's spirit had affected her spirit.

2 Sam 6:17 David erected tabernacle for it.

2 Sam 6:18-22

Powell: *She was only concerned with herself; she detested David for giving to Jehovah, the attention which should have been hers. Michal's outburst of jealous rage was hardly becoming since she had been with another man for years. To compare David with men guilty of indecent exposure was an injustice of the worst type. It is not a cause for amazement that God condemned her.*

2 Sam 6:23 *Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.*

So What?

Is it ever right to do wrong to do right?

Is God concerned about methods?

Does God's Word ever change?

Why did Uzzah die?